

## The Mission Field

### Washington City Echoes

How long will it take? Can any one tell me why it is that so few of our people know the real conditions here? It seems that many do not read the EVANGELIST or they would certainly be better informed. Thru mistake not long ago it was stated in the EVANGELIST that Brother Tombaugh was to hold a ten days' meeting in this city. Again and again we have called attention to the fact that this is one of the things we can not do in this city under present circumstances. The hall we use is ours for *Sunday services* only. During the week it is held by other associations; it would cost \$40.00 per month extra, even if it were possible to rent it at all. The same is true of other halls, and churches that are suitable are also in regular use, so it is impossible for us to hold protracted services; so I still wonder, and ask myself the question, "How long will it take for our people to find out the actual conditions here? Perhaps if they could in some way once realize more fully the true situation, we would not have to wait so long for a church home. I know we would not.

### ENCOURAGEMENTS.

First, Brother Tombaugh spent several days with us which did us all much good. We had a glorious love feast while he was here; and then he preached for us each night in our sitting room. Come again, brother, your visit was much appreciated.

Expected to administer baptism on Christmas day, but hindered by sickness; have had the "grip" for two weeks, and for several days been confined to the house, however, have filled all appointments for preaching except one (tho not without much effort.) Brother and Sister Parsons, of Johnstown, Pa., join the "mission family" today. We bid them a most hearty welcome into the little fold in the capital city. Brother "Joe" is to fill an important place in the Census department beginning with the new year.

### THANKS RETURNED

Dec. 20, our dear brother, E. B. Shaver wrote me a card from Seven Fountains, Va., and gave me warning that a number of his people had decided to form a "combine" against me and give me a "boxing." Well, it came to pass. Please read these names: Jacob C. Rinker, George Steele, Mary C. B. Steele, John M. Henson, Elizabeth Rinker, Vic. Wherick, Lizzie Garitson, Mrs. Cawthorn, S. P. Fogle, R. H. Lawrence, Brother Kagey and wife, Lizzie Good, Lizzie Armentrout, C. M. Golladay. Please accept our very best thanks for the many good things sent us, but I wish to add that I was sick before I got the "boxing." If I were able to write more, and Brother Gnagey had the space to print it, I would like to say much more. The Lord abundantly bless you all for this evidence of your interest in God's cause and servants in the capital of the nation. I also learn that Sisters Fogle and

Armentrout are working hard to fill out the "brick cards." God bless them! May many others follow their example.

### CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Slate Hill Cong., per C. M. Golladay, \$1.00  
Dilbeck, Va., 1.00  
Eld. J. B. Wampler, Blanco, Pa., 1.00  
Miss F. E. Winner, Concordia, Kans., 4.00  
" M. A. " " " 2.00  
S. Berkeybile, Altoona, Pa., 1.00  
A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

### Financial Report of Pa. Home Mission Board

The following amounts have been received since settlement.

Johnstown church, childrens' day offering	\$9 62
Listie church, (part from M. C. M. for last year)	6 00
Jones Mills church	8 00
Downey church (per M. C. M. for last year)	3 65
Altoona church, per Spanogle	6 25
Fredricksburg, " "	5 75
McKees " "	7 10
Pittsburg church	12 25
Sallie E. Griffith	5 00
Lillie C. Antram	10 00
Rosedale church, per A. Byers	4 80

Total to Christmas \$77 43

Out of this amount only about \$50 can be counted as quota for this conference year, viz. the amount from Johnstown, Listie, McKee and Pittsburg churches and individual contributions of sisters Griffith and Antram. We are wonderfully anxious to have the State evangelist at work looking after those who were enrolled into the ranks by former state evangelist. We dare not contract for the work to be done until old debt is paid and we lack a considerable amount to do this. It is time to "wake up." In this time of prosperity shall this work fail because of funds? Who is responsible? individuals or churches, including preachers.

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### Notes From Zed H. Copp

The work of the Lord still prospers in this part of his great vineyard.

The church—*The Dayton Mission*—is in Zion working condition. Brethren, let us ever look to Jesus and labor together with God and each other. I do most earnestly thank God for the loyalty to Christ, the church and the pastor, that is being manifested by the Dayton church. God bless you, beloved, and may you ever labor thus. The church at large too the *gospel* is being preached to the poor in the church, on the street and in the house.

My physical condition is some better than when I last wrote but I am far from a safe footing yet. For the last week I have not gone out of the block, except to church in a buggy. Last Sunday morning I was forced to stand on one leg, and lift the other to a horizontal position on a cushioned chair back of me during the delivery of the sermon. I was unable to be present at night. I hope to be well again in a few days. Continue to remember us in prayer. God bless you all for all of 1900.

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Dayton, Ohio.

Christ turns to welcome and encourage those who start to follow him.

## The Sunday School

### LESSON 2.—JANUARY 14

The Child Jesus Visits Jerusalem—Luke 2:41-52

*Golden Text.*—And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

*Lesson Thought.*—As children of God Christians should be about their Father's business.

*Time.*—Jesus lived in Nazareth from B. C. 3 or 4 to A. D. 26. The visit to Jerusalem was April A. D. 9.

*Place.*—At Nazareth and Jerusalem.

### Between the Lessons

1 The circumcision and presentation, St. Luke 2:21-38. 2 The Wise Men, St. Matt. 2:1-12. 3 Flight into Egypt, Herod's cruelty, the return, St. Matt. 2:13-23; St. Luke 2:39, 40.

### Lesson Text

41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not.

44 But supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance:

45 And when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him.

46 And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions:

47 And all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

### Introduction

Last Sunday we studied about the wonderful birth of Jesus. Today we study about the only recorded incident of his life between his birth and his active work which he began at thirty years of age. We pass over twelve years of his life because of the silence of Scripture. How often we have wished that we might know more about his life at his humble home in Nazareth, about him as a boy, and as a young man; about how he acted during the time when children are so given to play and the innocent joys of childhood; about the time when he began to grow into manhood, what kind of a young man he was, what he thought, spoke and how he conducted himself. And men in all ages have wondered about the same things. What we call the *Apocraphal Gospels* pretend to tell some things about these periods of his life, but they are not trustworthy. Scripture has told us scarcely anything; only this which is told in this lesson. And we shall do well to not be inquisitive where Scripture pre-